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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISIT TO MAURITANIA OF MEC REP CO REPRESENTATIVE

1. MEC REP CO PRESIDENT JIM LEONHARDT TELEPHONED AF/W COUNTRY OFFICER TODAY TO REPORT THAT COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE DANNY GROS HAS RECEIVED ISMAEL OULD AMAR INVITATION TO VISIT NOUAKCHOTT FEBRUARY 28 RPT 28 TO DISCUSS SNIM OVERDUE PAYMENT PROBLEM. GROS, WHO IS FLUENT IN FRENCH, PLANS ARRIVE IN NOUAKCHOTT FEBRUARY 27 RPT 27 IF POSSIBLE, AND WILL IMMEDIATELY GET IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY.

2. MEC REP CO REPRESENTATIVE GROS HOPES TO OBTAIN LETTER OF GUARANTY FROM GIRM CENTRAL BANK WHICH WOULD REMOVE SNIM FROM ITS DELINQUENCY SITUATION AND WOULD MEET EXPORT-IMPORT BANK CONCERNS.

3. GROS WILL SEND TELEX TO EMBASSY ADVISING EXACT ARRIVAL TIME AND REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING HOTEL RESERVATION.

4. AF/W HAS REMAINED IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH MEC REP CO ON ITS
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PAYMENT PROBLEM WITH SNIM. WE HAVE ALSO HAD SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH FCIA ON CREDIT WORTHINESS OF SNIM. OUR EFFORTS TO PERSUADE FCIA NOT RPT NOT TO INSTITUTE FORMAL PROCEDURES HAVE INCLUDED REFERENCES TO SUCCESSFUL PARIS GUELBS PROJECT MEETING, REMOVAL OF UNPROFITABLE COPPER AND REFINERY OPERATIONS FROM SNIM, AND SUCCESSFUL SHIPMENT OF IRON ORE FROM ZOUERATE TO NOUADHIBOU SINCE FRENCH AIR

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